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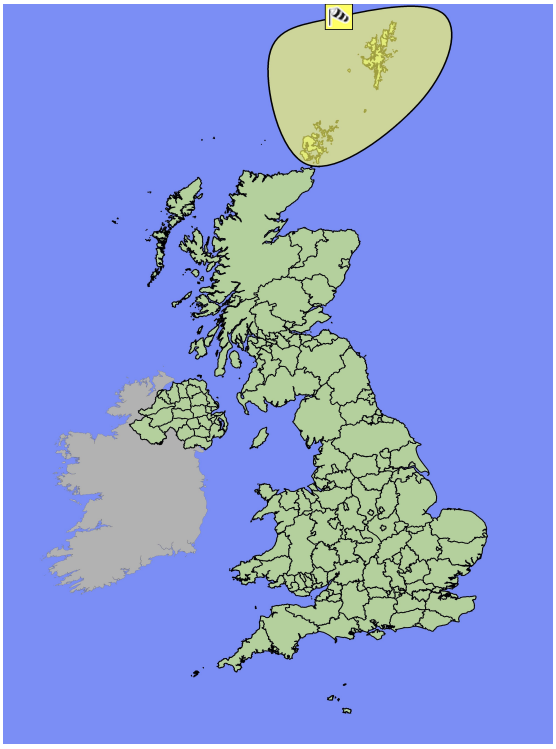

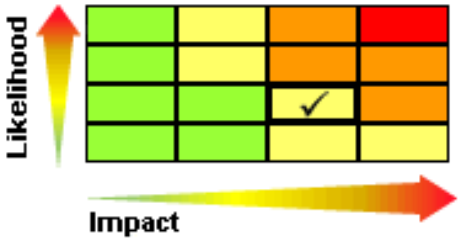

Chief Forecasters Assessment
A vigorous area of low pressure will develop across the UK. Its associated active frontal system will move northwards across the Northern Isles later on Friday and through Saturday, which is likely to be accompanied by severe gales. There remain some uncertainties regarding the timing of this weather system. Whilst there is high confidence for the likelihood of very strong winds, considerable uncertainty still surrounds the risk of snow.

The Met Office have issued a **Yellow Warning** of **Wind**

Valid from **18:00 on Fri, 14th Dec 2012** until **15:00 on Sat, 15th Dec 2012**

East to southeast winds will steadily increase during Friday with gusts of 60-70 mph likely by Friday evening and possibly increasing to 70-80 mph for a time across Shetland. The very strong winds should ease across Orkney during Saturday morning but will persist across Shetland into the afternoon. In addition there is the risk of some snow, mainly across Shetland. However, it currently seems that this is more likely above about 100 m, with lower lying areas seeing mainly rain, or perhaps a cm or two of snow.

The public should be aware that there could be disruption to transport. There is also a risk of disruption to power supplies should ice accretion occur on power cables.

Please monitor our website for possible updates to this warning.

For more details please go to:
http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/warnings

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- Orkney & Shetland
  - Orkney Islands
  - Shetland Islands

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